

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Art Unit: 1761 (Examiner Keith D. Hendricks)
Applicants: ALDRICH *et al.*
Application No: 09/675,825
Filed: September 29, 2000
Filed: "SWEET STABLE ACIDIFIED BEVERAGES"

Charlotte, North Carolina
December 6, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Official Action dated June 6, 2002.

A response to the outstanding Official Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Please charge to Deposit Account No. 502193 the fee of \$920.00 or whatever fee is currently prescribed for the Large Entity Extension of Time Fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Klaus Schweitzer
(See attached Limited Recognition Form)

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